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October 9, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Ex Parte* Presentation Report; WT Docket No. 01-309; Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones

Dear Mr. Caton:

This is to report that an oral *ex parte* presentation was made in the above-referenced matter to the Commission's Staff on October 7, 2002.

Presenter: Hearing Industries Association ("HIA") represented by David E. Woodbury, Director of Government Relations

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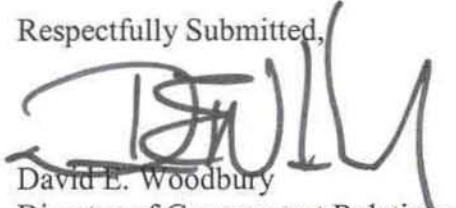
HIA noted that it filed both initial and reply comments in this proceeding. The presentation covered some of the material in the written comments. In addition, HIA demonstrated hearing aid devices and explained how these devices operate. HIA explained differences among types of hearing aids, including behind-the-ear, in-the-ear and completely-in-the-canal models. HIA pointed out the various components of hearing aids, which components have been modified to improve immunity to interference caused by digital cellular handsets.

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HIA also discussed the hearing aid market and the breakdown of the market by hearing aid type. See Attachment I.

HIA committed to continue efforts to resolve interference problem but observed that only the hearing aid industry, and not the handset industry, has met the goal established several years ago by each industry to achieve a 15-decibel improvement in its products. HIA discussed the problems with obtaining measurement results under the ANSI C63.19 standard, especially with increasingly popular custom-shaped in-the-ear and completely-in-the-canal hearing aid models. It was further noted that HIA had voted against adoption of the standard and that the current version was to developed to gain a greater understanding regarding measurement dynamics. There is currently too great an error rate in determining categorization within the standard to permit accurate labeling. HIA is sponsoring ongoing tests in efforts to solve the measurement problem.

Respectfully Submitted,



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